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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER-DESINATE KEUKY LIM'S
VISIT TO JAKARTA

REF: PHNOM PENH 4079 (NOT SENT SAIGON)

1. SUMMARY: KEUKY LIM LEFT JAKARTA FOR KUALA LUMPUR
EVENING MARCH 25 AFTER SUCCESSFUL TWO-DAY VISIT DURING
WHICH HE RECEIVED GOOD MEASURE OF HOSPITALITY,
ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED INDONESIAN MORAL SUPPORT
(INCLUDING AT UPCOMING ECAFE AND SPECIAL UNGA), AND
SOME WELL-INTENTIONED ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO WIN MORE
THIRD-WORLD SUPPORT. INDONESIANS ADVISED LIM THAT DHARSONO WILL
SOON BE REPLACED AS AMBASSADOR IN PHNOM PENH (SO HE CAN SPEND
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FULL TIME ON ICCS). END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING BASED ON ACCOUNTS OF VISIT PROVIDED BY KHMER AMBASSADOR MAR 26, SUPPLEMENTED BY COMMENTS OF TOP FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MAR 25.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT WEARY FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S STATE VISIT THAT OCCUPIED HIM FULL TIME FOR WEEK, HOSTED DINNER FOR LIM MAR 23 AND ATTENDED DINNER HOSTED BY KHMER MARCH 24. MAR 25 PRESIDENT SUHARTO RECEIVED LIM FOR FIFTY MINUTES AND MALIK HAD FINAL ONE-HOUR SESSION WITH KHMER PARTY. KHMER AMBASSADOR OUNG HIEAM ATTENDED ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT ONE BRIEF LIM-MALIK SESSION. SUHARTO DECLINED PUBLIC EXCHANGE OF GIFTS, EXPLAINING HE WANTED TO SET EXAMPLE OF COMPLIANCE WITH RECENT GOI AUSTERITY REGULATIONS CUTTING DOWN ON GIFTS AND REPRESENTATION, BUT CARRIED OUT PRIVATE EXCHANGE THROUGH PROTOCOL OFFICER.

4. LIM TOLD GOI OF RECENT KHMER MILITARY SUCCESSES AND RALLIERS TO GKR SIDE AND THANKED INDONESIANS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PRECLUDING SEATING OF GRUNK DURING UNGA. SUHARTO SAID THAT IF THESE SUCCESSES CONTINUED AND IF NUMBERS OF PEOPLE UNDER GKR CONTROL INCREASED, IT WOULD BE THAT MUCH EASIER FOR GOI TO SUPPORT GKR IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

5. LIM AND MALIK REVIEWED ALL UPCOMING DIPLOMATIC EVENTS WHERE GKR SEATING MAY BE TESTED AND MALIK PROMISED INDONESIAN SUPPORT, NOTING IT NOT YET CERTAIN THAT PRC WILL ATTEND ECAFE COLOMBO MEETING.

6. MALIK ADVISED LIM TO STIMULATE DECLARATION OF SUPPORT OF GKR FROM ISLAMIC KHMER (CHAMS), SAYING THIS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO KHMER CAUSE IN INDONESIA AND ISLAMIC WORLD. (OUNG HIEAM REMARKED PRIVATELY TO US THAT GKR HAD NEVER RECOGNIZED KHMER CHAMS AS SEPARATE GROUP AND THAT THIS PROPOSAL MIGHT NOT BE POLITICALLY FEASIBLE.)

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7. MALIK ALSO ADVISED KHMER IN ORDER WIN MORE THIRD-WORLD SUPPORT, TO OPEN EMBASSIES IN AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AND LATIN AMERICA. AS A MINIMUM, MALIK SAID, KHMER SHOULD HAVE ONE EMBASSY IN FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA AND ONE IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING AFRICA WITH MULTIPLE ACCREDITATIONS OF AMBASSADORS. MALIK NOTED THAT WHEN VOTES ARE COUNTED IN UN ONE SMALL AFRICAN COUNTRY'S VOTE IS JUST AS GOOD AS ANY OTHER.

FURTHER, MALIK ADVISED KHMER TO OPEN EMBASSIES IN SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT, JORDAN AND LEBANON AND TO RECONSIDER KHMER POLICY ON ARA-ISRAELI MATTERS AND TRY TO BE MORE PRO-ARAB, SO THAT GKR MIGHT PICK UP SOME ARAB VOTES IN UN.

8. LIM SOUGHT GOOD OFFICES OF MALIK IN TRYING TO BRING BANGLADESH AROUND TO A MORE POSTIVE ATTITUDE ON GKR BEFORE NEXT UNGA. MALIK URGED KHMER TO APPROACH BANGLADESH THEMSELVES. LIM REPLIED THAT GKR WAS AMONG FIRST COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH BUT BANGLADESH HAD NEVER EVEN ACKNOWLEDGED RECOGNITION AND IN TIME RECOGNIZED GRUNK.

9. MALIK SAID THAT DURING RECENT VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, MALIK ASKED HIM ABOUT AUSTRALIAN INTENTIONS RE GKR. AUSTRALIAN MINISTER REPLIED THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD RECOGNIZE WHICHEVER KHMER GROUP WAS SEATED IN UN. MALIK SAID AS LONG AS GKR HOLDS PHNOM PENH, INDONESIA WILL SUPPORT GKR REGARDLESS OF UN DECISION.

10. MALIK ASKED LIM STATUS OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH. LIM REPLIED THAT WHEN SOVIETS FIRST WITHDREW THEY LEFT ONLY THREE PEOPLE, HEADED BY THIRD SECRETARY, IN CHARGE OF EMBASSY. THIS NUMBER HAD RECENTLY RISEN TO SEVEN, WHICH KHMER SAW AS HOPEFUL SIGN. MALIK REMARKED THAT SOVIETS WERE SURELY ANTI-SIHANOUK, WHOM THEY REGARD AS PRC MAN. (SEE ALSO PARA 15 BELOW.)

11. LIM TOLD MALIK GKR WOULD SOON BE SENDING MAJOR GENERAL SAT SUTSAKAN ON FOLLOW-UP DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

12. KHMER DID NOT SEEK INDONESIAN OIL DURING VISIT.
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13. MALIK SAID DHARSONO WILL SOON BE REPLACED AS INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN PHNOM PENH SO HE CAN CONCENTRATE FULL TIME ON ICCS MATTERS. KHMER FOUND IT ENCOURAGING THAT INDONESIA PLANNED TO ASSIGN FULL TIME AMBASSADOR TO PHNOM PENH.

14. IN REPLY TO OUR SPECIFIC QUERY, AMBASSADOR OUNG HIEAM SAID NOTHING HAD BEEN SAID ABOUT USE OF JAKARTA AS VENUE FOR POSSIBLE MEETING BWETWEEN CONTENDING KHMER PARTIES. LIM POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT GRUNK HAD NEVER RESPONDED TO GKR PEACE INITIATIVE.

15. WHILE OFFERING POLITICAL COUNSELOR ABOVE ACCOUNT MAR 26, OUNG HIEAM MADE TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS NOT

DIRECTLY RELATED TO VISIT:

A. SOVIETS: HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS RECENTLY FROM PHNOM PENH TO SEEK TO IMPROVE LOCAL RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS. HE SOUGHT TO CALL ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR; WITHIN TWO DAYS SOVIETS GAVE HIM APPOINTMENT AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR RECEIVED HIM CORRECTLY.

B. KHMER HOPED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WOULD ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OUNG HIEAM SAID INDONESIANS HAD INDICATED TO LIM THEY WOULD INTERPRET ANY DELAY IN AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AS INDICATION OF LAGGING AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR GKR.

16. PRIOR TO LIM'S ARRIVAL, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM TOLD KHMER AMBASSADOR THAT EMBASSY WISHED TO BE OF ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AND NOT TO HESITATE TO CALL ON US. AS IT TURNED OUT, KHMER NEEDED NO ASSISTANCE. THEY GOT ALL THE APPOINTMENTS THEY WISHED AND SEEM TO HAVE HANDLED THEIR VISIT VERY WELL.
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